



CITY OF SMYRNA

STAFF REPORTS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, July 26, 2021

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

12:00pm

Community Center - Cafeteria

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Dept. Head / Atty Agenda Review Meeting

3:00pm

City Hall - Admin Conference Room

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

License and Variance Board Meeting

10:00am

City Hall - Council Chambers

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Litter Free Event:

KSB handed out 331 trash bags and collected 20 lbs. of recyclables at the Smyrna Summer Concert on July 17th

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Community Cleanups: Five volunteers cleaned up a portion of S. Cobb Drive and Pat Mell Road on July 21st. 105 lbs. of litter was picked up including 17 lbs. of recyclables. Upcoming cleanup dates: August 9th & 18th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adopt-a-Mile, July 24th

Storm Drain Marking, July 27th

Rivers Alive, August 14th

Document Shredding, October 2nd

Bulky Trash Amnesty Day, November 6th

UPCOMING MEETINGS CONT.

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

State of the City

6:00pm

Community Center - Large Gym

Tree Board Meeting

6:30pm

Brawner Hall - Conference Room

Thursday, July 28, 2021

Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:00pm

City Hall - HR Training Room



BEFORE

AFTER

Smyrna Community Garden Workday:

The Smyrna Community Garden had a workday on July 17th where gardeners helped clear an area that frequently is overgrown with weeds and spread 3 tons of gravel. Before photos show what the area looked like a month ago.

SMYRNA LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Fall Story Time Schedule Posted:

In-person story time for babies/toddlers and Pre-K children resumes Tuesday, August 31. The Youth Services department will limit attendance to ten children, but they will present six story times per week. Virtual story time will also be presented. Attendees must register in advance for story time. Please visit the library's online calendar for full details and the signup link.



Summer Reading Roundup - Final Event:

Magician and ventriloquist, Keith Karnok presents the final program of summer with his "Magic Reading Show!" The link to the video will be available on the library's calendar starting Monday, July 26.

Take Home Crafts: The Youth Services department has a dozen or so remaining craft kits for children and tween/teens. Kits come with instructions and materials for age-appropriate activities. Ask at the Youth Services desk the next time you visit the library.



Creatwood Dairy: In her research this week, Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge came across a fun 1931 advertisement for the locally famous Creatwood Dairy.

Recruiting Docents

What's A Docent? Docents are volunteers unique to the museum field whose main responsibilities are to guide visitors around a museum and answer their questions. Docents are extremely important as they often are the trained ambassadors and front line of a museum..

Shifts: We are looking for volunteers who could commit to a three hour shift at least once a month, from Wednesdays through Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Responsibilities: Duties will include greeting visitors and informing them about the museum, giving tours of the museum exhibits to small groups, organizing brochures and light paperwork, some computer work like web-browsing, and light cleaning of the floor and exhibits. Docents might also be asked to open and close the museum and be in charge of locking up the building.

Interested? Email Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge at jeldredge@smyrna.gov.

PUBLIC WORKS

Water/Sewer Division

Yearly Modeling: The Water Sewer Division is currently working on yearly sewer modeling to ensure that all sanitary sewer main lines that convey the bulk of the sanitary flow in the city are sufficient to cover all current and new development. This includes all sub basins, which have been completed with dry weather flows. Wet weather flows are currently under way at **60%** completion. Once these basins have been completed, this will ensure the city has adequate capacity for future growth. This year should complete the sewer model for the city, not only to ensure growth but will be adequate for the North Metro District Audit.

CCTV and Sonar: Sewer crews are proceeding in Ward 7 with preventative maintenance. CCTV and sonar of the sewer systems are being utilized to ensure sewer flow is not impeded with blockages, and that pipes are in good condition. Crews will work from Ward to Ward until the city is completed. Once all the data is collected, Public Works management staff will evaluate conditions to put together future predictions of repairs and replacements. The overall project in Ward 7 is 100% complete. Ward 6 is scheduled to begin the first week of August.



AMI: The Water Distribution Meter Change out program will consist of 3500 meters and 1400 dials to be changed out in calendar year 2021. 3000 meters and 420 dials have been changed as of 7/14/2021. This is a joint effort between the Water Distribution Office and Utility Billing. Once this round of meters has been changed out to the new allegro meter it will bring our full meter change out to roughly 8,900 meters. After we have successfully changed all mechanical meter to the digital allegro meter, this will allow the city to progress into Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). AMI is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and data management systems that enable two-way communication between utilities and customers.

[Read more about Advanced Metering Infrastructure here.](#)

Back Flow Testing: Water Distribution has also started the City's first back flow inventory and testing program. This is done through a third-party participant (BSI ONLINE) who handles all documentation related to state and federal mandates along with ensuring the devices are tested. Being this is the first year of this project, we will only be tracking commercial accounts. After the completion of commercial accounts, Public Works will then enforce the testing of residential backflows as well. 38% of commercial customers have submitted passing testing results so far this year.

LMIG: The Water, Sewer, and Street departments have completed the evaluation of all underground infrastructure for the LMIG resurfacing program which included video inspection and cleaning to check the condition and integrity of the pipes before our upcoming yearly paving schedule. This will ensure that we will not have any issues under newly paved roads, and will save us from redigging newly paved roads.. The inspection and cleaning of the project is 100% Complete. All repairs have been scheduled and are underway on underground infrastructure. 2136 Nancy Circle Project has been repaired with cured in-place liner and will be completed when landscape repairs are made. All repairs consist of Goodwood Blvd, Campbell Rd, Hawthorne Ave, Marston, Vineyard way, North Cooper Lake Dr., and Hickory Lane.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Department

Curb and Gutter: The Street Department is working on curb and gutter repairs for this coming year's resurfacing street list. These repairs must be made before the roadway is paved to prevent digging newly paved roads.

Speed Table: The Street department will be starting a project on Campbell Road at Howell Drive to install a raised crosswalk/speed table. The work is scheduled to begin on 07/19/2021 and to be completed on 07/23/2021. This section of Campbell Road will be closed to thru traffic.



Concord Road Sidewalk: This week, the Concord Road sidewalk between Fire Station 2 and South Cobb Drive has began to tie existing sidewalks together in that area. The project is **50%** complete.

Public Works South Cobb Drive Water Line Project

Phase II: The projects scope of work involves installing new 8-inch and 12-inch water main lines on the east and west sides of South Cobb Drive from Benson Poole Road to Concord Road. The contractor has completed laying about 80% of the new water main. Major intersections Concord @ South Cobb along with Powder Springs @ South Cobb remains to be completed due to the complexity of the existing water main to be tied on to new ductile iron. The project is overall **89%** complete.



SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin is installing temporary road and parts of the permanent road on the western end of the project near South Cobb Drive. All the side streets have been paved and the second lift of asphalt has been installed on the new west bound lanes. The contractor has been working on both ends of the project to tie temporary roadways into existing roadways for the traffic shift to take place.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Weekly
Inspections

306

110 Sites

**Total
Estimated
Cost of
Construction
Permits:**

\$554,509

Building Remodel/Residential (13)

(4) Addition; (6) Interior; (4) Re-Roof

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$462,069

Building Remodel/Commercial (1)

(1) Remodel - Whitefield Academy (1 Whitefield Dr.)

Estimated Cost of Construction: \$92,400

Electrical (3)

HVAC (29)

Signs (5)

Plumbing (2)

(1) Face Change - **Truist Bank** (3379 South Cobb Dr.)

(3) Wall - **Truist Bank** x2 (3379 South Cobb Dr.)

Island Vibes Kava Bar (2997 Cumberland Blvd, Suite. 120)

(1) Monument - **Parc at Hillsdale** (48 Little Silver Ct.)

New Businesses

KAYX APPAREL

Direct Sales - Apparel
4521 CUMBERLAND GLEN LN SE
Ward 1

ARKLOCAL, LLC

Website Design
403 MADISON LN SE
Ward 3

BELLEMEADE DIALYSIS

Kidney Dialysis Center
3240 S COBB DR SE, STE 800
Ward 3

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Extrication Training:

Station 1 B-Shift recently had the opportunity to educate the Marine Reserve Reconnaissance Team about vehicle extrication techniques. This special unit is assigned to recover the remains of Marines killed in action. Extrication training helps them have a better knowledge of how vehicles react during extrication efforts, and the effects it has on those trapped inside.



Smyrna Fire Totals:

Fire: 0

Medical: 67

Other: 43

Total Calls for Service: 110

SP Richards Fire:

This week marks the two-year anniversary of the SP Richards fire that occurred on Friday, July 19, 2021. The SPR fire is believed to be the largest recorded blaze in the city's history. Firefighters from Smyrna, Cobb County, Marietta, DeKalb County, Atlanta, Sandy Springs and Forest Park spent over seven days on scene putting out hotspots and making sure the mass of smoldering material was completely extinguished.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Smyrna Police Totals

Arrests: 43

Citations: 282

Warning Citations: 179

Total Calls for Service: 990

PARKS & RECREATION

Baseball Tournament: Perfect Game baseball continues their tournament at Ward Park thru July 28. In addition to the Ward Park rental, there were twenty five other athletic field rentals and four indoor gym rentals.



Summer Camp: Summer Camp is in its final weeks, but the fun continues. Last week campers had "Pirate Week", participating in various craft projects and activities inspired by pirate adventures. The week ended with a glow in the dark party that included a treasure hunt. Campers and their parents have been so excited about the summers adventures, they are already making plans to attend upcoming Fall Break Camp.

Congrats to Devonte Glass: Congratulations to Devonte Glass, Parks Maintenance Crew Worker, on his upcoming graduation from HVAC school. Everyone in the department is very proud of Devonte's accomplishment as he achieved his goal while continuing to work hard at his job each day. If you see him around, working in the parks, congratulate him on his achievement. Way to go Devonte!



Brinkley Park Roof Repair: Roof repairs were completed at Cobb and Brinkley Parks this week.

Community Center and Wolfe Center: The Community Center and Wolfe Adult Recreation Center continue to welcome guests each day for fitness, classes and events. The full list of August classes will be out soon, so have a look and join in the fun.

PARKS & RECREATION



Sharks Making Smyrna Proud: The Smyrna Sharks Swim Team participated in the State Swim Meet on July 16 -17. The team performed well and below are the results:

- State winners in age group 15-18
- 1st Place in 15-18 Girls 200-yard freestyle relay
- 3rd Place in 13-14 boys 200-yard freestyle relay
- 11-12 Mixed placed 2nd in both 200-yard freestyle relay and medley relay
- 2nd Place in 11-12 boys medley relay
- 10 and under team



Reservation Opportunities: Parks & Recreation continues to serve the community with programs for youth and adults, as well as offer reservation opportunities for those seeking spaces for events like birthday parties, weddings, anniversary celebrations, graduations, family reunions, etc. Through these activities, during the week of July 12– July 18, P&R generated nearly **\$18,000** in revenue. RiverLine, Jonquil, Brinkley and Chuck Camp Parks are serving as host sites for Smyrna Little League and NASA/Tophat Soccer play throughout the week as well.

HUMAN RESOURCES

One Digital: The City of Smyrna has partnered with One Digital Retirement Consulting Services to support our Defined Contribution Plan (401a/457b). If you have any questions about your defined contribution plan options or investments, please contact our local consultant, Alice Davis. Please note: this is not the mandatory GMA Pension Plan.



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Dr. Nancy Wesselink, PhD, CEAP
Licensed Therapist

One Source: Dr. Wesselink is the Founder and Chief Consultant of **One Source Counseling and Employee Assistance Services**. She is a charter member of the Georgia Critical Incident Stress Foundation. She is a licensed social worker and certified Employee Assistance Professional and holds a doctorate in Human Services from Capella University. She has been in the field for over 20 years.

One Source has a network of clinicians who are able to provide counseling services to match the request of the client (child therapy, substance use, anger management, depression/anxiety, relationship issues). Dr. Nancy personally vets all requests for services herself in order to provide the right counselor to address a patient's issues. Dr. Nancy and her network clinicians also have experience in providing assistance to first responders, as well as and others who find themselves on the front line in emergency situations.

6 EAP sessions are available for employees and/or family members per issue.

For assistance, please call 770-683-1327 or email help@onesourcecounseling.com or visit One Source Counseling Online.

